

**MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**

STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF HOWELL

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CASE #: 230365601

OCN:

DATE: December 17, 2023

I, Thomas Meyer, knowing false statements on this form are punishable by law, state the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe, David N. Plyushchev, within Howell County, Missouri, committed the offenses listed below:

To be determined by the Howell County Prosecutor

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and state the accused committed the crimes:

On July 8, 2023, at approximately 1326 hours, I was driving northbound on US-63, approaching Richard's school, when I observed a charcoal Acura MDX pull out from Green's Furniture. I noticed the vehicle was missing their front license plate. I also observed the driver and front seat passenger unrestrained by a safety belt. I turned around and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

I identified the driver as David N. Plyushchev, a twenty-two year old male. I identified the passenger as a sixteen year old female whose birthday was the month prior. I noticed the sixteen year old appeared to be in her third trimester of pregnancy. During the course of the traffic stop, I noticed both occupants appeared nervous and evasive with their answers. The juvenile would not look at me when speaking. I asked Plyushchev if he was the father to the juvenile's unborn baby. He denied being the father. The juvenile confirmed she was eight months pregnant. I believed the juvenile was fifteen at the time on conception. I released both from the traffic stop.

I contacted the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) and asked for all pertinent information on Plyushchev. They located a TikTok account associated with him which contained videos of the pregnant juvenile. The profile picture was of an ultrasound depicting an unborn baby which led me to question Plyushchev's claim he was not the father.

On July 13, 2023, I interviewed the juvenile's father. During the interview, the father stated he was "Pretty sure" Plyushchev was the father and confirmed the juvenile's age as fifteen at the time of conception. He believed Plyushchev to be twenty-one at the time of conception.

On July 14, 2023, I interviewed the stepmother, and the sister, of the pregnant juvenile. During the interview, the stepmother said the juvenile told her Plyushchev was the father of her baby. I asked the stepmother if she believed the child was conceived in Howell County. She told me yes, because she was living with her biological mother in the Pomona area at the time of conception. I spoke with the sister, and she told me Plyushchev had admitted to her he is the father of the unborn child. At the conclusion of the interviews, I applied for, and received, a signed search warrant by a Howell County Judge for two buccal swabs of DNA from Plyushchev.

On July 15, 2023, I conducted an interview with Plyushchev. He denied being the father of the unborn child. He told me he was currently dating the juvenile and started dating "A long time ago." I asked him to clarify when they first started dating. He told me the Summer of 2021, which put the age of the juvenile at fourteen. He denied ever having sexual contact with the juvenile. I explained to him other people had told me he was the father of the unborn baby. He called them "Rumors." I asked him if the other people were lying. He told me "Probably." I asked him to clarify his statement because he claimed to have never had sexual contact with the juvenile. He told me he believed everyone else was lying. I asked him if he would consent to provide a sample of his DNA to rule him out as being the father of the unborn baby. He denied consent. I provided him with a search warrant to obtain two buccal swabs of his DNA. I collected two samples of DNA and placed them into Troop G evidence as soon as possible.

On September 21, 2023, after the baby was born, I received two search warrants from Judge Ray for the DNA of the juvenile and the newborn baby, to compare with Plyushchev to determine paternity. I obtained two buccal swabs from the juvenile and two buccal swabs from the newborn baby. The samples were placed into Troop G evidence immediately.

The DNA samples belonging to Plyushchev, the juvenile, and her baby, were sent to PTC Laboratories in El Paso, Texas, to determine if Plyushchev was the father.

On December 15, 2023, PTC Laboratories confirmed the probability of paternity of Plyushchev to the newborn baby was 99.99999%.

For the issuance of a warrant complete the following:

- (a) I have reasonable grounds to believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because (); or
- (b) I have reasonable grounds to believe that the defendant poses [Insert one or all of the following.]:
 - (1) A danger to a crime victim because (); or
 - (2) **A danger to the community or to any other person because:**

Master Sergeant Thomas Meyer #785
 Printed Name


 Signature